

## House Resolution No. 4607

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in silent reverie to recognize the lifetime achievements of Judge William Tellison Barton, a truly outstanding Missourian who positively touched the lives of countless individuals during his ninety-eight-year journey on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Judge Barton was born to William T. and Lillian Iona Camp Barton on October 30, 1906, in Pilot Grove, Missouri, and was living in Jefferson City on November 28, 2004, when God took him home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light; and

**Whereas**, Judge Barton will be greatly missed by his grieving family whose members include two sons, William T. Barton, III, of Hartsburg and Gary L. Barton of St. Maries, Idaho; eight grandchildren, William T. Barton, IV, Kay Foster, Thayne Barton, Steven Barton, Darrell Barton, Andrea Streeter, Sauci D. Belvoir, and Pepe L. Barton; and twelve great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Judge Barton had nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of his family who preceded him in death, including his parents, William and Lillian Barton, and his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Olean Alverda Lotton; and

**Whereas**, honored by five governors with various appointments and awards, Judge Barton had the honor and privilege of serving five consecutive terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, where he was the Minority Floor Leader during the 60th General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, a practicing attorney for seventy-four years, Judge Barton was also a licensed minister with the Disciples of Christ Christian Church and the holder of a real estate and insurance license; and

**Whereas**, Judge Barton's enviable and seemingly limitless list of achievement also included serving as General Counsel for the Missouri Sheriff's Association and the Sheriff's Retirement System, and being a former member of the Missouri Joint Board for the Interstate Commerce Commission, a member of the Missouri Bar since 1930, and a member of the Missouri Bar Association, Delta Theta Phi, the Central Missouri Beekeepers Association, the Association of Retired Employees, the Central Missouri Citizens Band Radio Club, the Missouri Ham Radio Operators Association, the Midwest Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners, the Missouri National Guard, where he served as a Master Sergeant, and the Civil Air Patrol, where he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed as Legal Officer of the Missouri Wing:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Judge William Barton and in expressing to his family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Judge William Tellison Barton.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bill Deeken  
District No. 114

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4607, adopted December 8, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker